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SUBJ: DISARMAMENT: CCD WESTERN GROUP MEETING, OCT 25

1. SUMMARY: AT UK REQUEST, WESTERN SIX MEMBERS OF CCD (US, UK, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, CANADA) HELD MEETING ON OCT 25 FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION UN DISARMAMENT ITEMS. ON CTB, UK SAID IT HOPED TO BE ABLE TO VOTE FOR A CTB RES AND EXPRESSED DESIRE SEE DRAFT RES CANADIANS WORKING ON. CANADIANS REPLIED THEY HOPED BE ABLE DISCUSS RES NEXT WEEK. THEY SAID MANY OF THEIR POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS WOULD LIKE TO CONDEMN ALL NUCLEAR TESTING BUT THEY HOPED MODERATE SOME OF THESE VIEWS. CANADIANS ALSO  
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SAID IT NOT LIKELY THEY WOULD HAVE MUCH LATITUDE NEGOTIATE

ON WORDING THAT THEY WOULD EVENTUALLY REACH WITH THEIR CO-SPONSORS. NETHERLANDS RAISED QUESTION SOV ROB ITEM. UK SAID IT HAD NOT TAKEN POSITION ON ITEM AND DID NOT NOW KNOW IF THEY WOULD CHOOSE TO ELABORATE COMMENTS ALREADY MADE BY FOREIGN SECRETARY IN PLENARY. JAPAN NOTED THT SOVS ULTERIOR MOTIVE FOR ROB PROPOSAL KNOWN TO ALL; CHINESE WOULD OPPOSE THE ITEM, AND JAPANESE NOT LIKELY OFFER MUCH COMMENT ON ISSUE. IN SIMILAR VEIN ITALY SAID ROB ITEM MERELY PROPAGANDA AND IT UP TO PERMANENT MEMBERS OF SC TO TAKE LEAD ON ITEM. NETHERLANDS NOTED THAT SINCE LDCS HAD NOTHING TO LOSE ON ITEM, MAJORITY LIKELY TO VOTE FOR IT. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON OUR VIEW OF NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, AMB MARTIN (US) SAID WE HAD DISCUSSED WITH OTHER DEPOSITARIES (UK, USSR). WE FAVORED CONFERENCE, HOPED FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW OF HOW THE NPT IS WORKING, AND WOULD TRY TO DEVELOP NON-CONTENTIOUS RES AUTHORIZING UN ASSISTANCE FOR CONFERENCE. WE ALSO HOPED THAT RELATIVELY SMALL PREPARATORY BODY WOULD BE FORMED. OTHER ITEMS DISCUSSED BY GROUP WERE IOPZ AND NAPALM. END SUMMARY

2. AT UK REQUEST, REPS OF WESTERN SIX (US, UK, ITALY, JAPAN, NETHERLANDS, CANADA) MET TODAY FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION UN DISARMAMENT ITEMS. FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED:

3. CTB. HAINWORTH (UK) SAID UK WOULD LIKE TO SEE CTB RES FOR WHICH IT COULD VOTE AND EXPRESSED DESIRE SEE DRAFT RES ON WHICH CANADA WORKING. BARTON (CANADA) REPLIED THAT HE HOPED TO HAVE DRAFT CLEARED THROUGH 10 OR 11 POTENTIAL CO-SPONSORS NEXT WEEK. IN RESPONSE TO HAINWORTH COMMENT THAT IF DRAFT TOO EXTREME UK MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT, BARTON SAID CANADA WAS BEING PRESSED IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION BY SOME COMMONWEALTH STATES WHO WISHED RES TO CONDEMN NUCLEAR TESTING AND INSTRUCT CCD TO ACCOMPLISH TREATY WITHIN YEAR. HE SAID PURPOSE OF CANADIAN SPONSORED RES WAS TO TELL ALL CONCERNED TO "GET CRACKING" ON STOPPING TESTS. HE CONTINUED THAT CANADA WOULD BE WILLING TAKE SUGGESTIONS ON LANGUAGE BUT THERE WOULD BE LITTLE ROOM FOR "NEGOTIATING" ON SUBSTANCE OF RES BECAUSE OF "POLITICAL REALITIES" WITHIN THE COUNTRIES

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SPONSORING RES. HE ALSO SUGGESTED THAT US SHOULD CONSIDER SUBMITTING WORKING PAPER AT NEXT YEAR'S CCD CONTAINING OUTLINE OF ELEMENTS OF CTB TREATY TO GIVE US SOMETHING TO WHICH IT COULD POINT TO ON CTB ISSUE. MARTIN (US) DOUBTED USEFULNESS OF SUCH A PAPER AND ALSO SUPPORTED HAINWORTH'S (UK) REMARKS ON DESIRABILITY OF MODERATE RES WHICH US, AS WELL AS UK, MIGHT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT. NISIBORI (JAPAN) NOTED HIS AGREEMENT WITH REMARKS OF BARTON.

4. SOV PROPOSAL ON REDUCTION OF MILITARY BUDGETS (ROB).  
NETHERLANDS (MEERBURG) ASKED UK WHAT ACTION IT PLANNED ON  
ROB ITEM. WOULD UK STAY OUT OF DISCUSSIONS OR TRY TO  
KILL ITEM IN CONCERT WITH PRC? HAINWORTH REPLIED UK HAD NOT  
TAKEN FORMAL POSITION ON ROB; IT WOULD NOT CONCERT POSITION  
WITH PRC; FOREIGN SECRETARY DOUGLAS-HOME HAD ALREADY OFFERED  
COMMENTS IN GA PLENARY SPEECH AND HE COULDN'T SAY IF THERE  
WOULD BE ANY ELABORATION OF THESE COMMENTS. MARTIN NOTED  
WE HAD ALSO NOT TAKEN FINAL POSITION ON ROB AND GAVE  
OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION AS OUTLINED IN GUIDANCE  
CABLE, STATE 194560. NISIBORI SAID JAPAN SAW NO REASON  
TO LINK AID AND DISARMAMENT, NOTING THAT SOV AID LEVELS  
WERE VERY LOW; EVERYONE KNEW SOV ULTERIOR MOTIVE  
FOR INTRODUCTION OF ITEM; AND, IN VIEW EXPECTED CHINESE  
OPPOSITION, JAPAN NOT THINKING OF LENGTHY COMMENT ON ITEM.  
BARTON (CANADA) REPORTED THAT IN RECENT CANADIAN-SOV  
BILATERAL MEETING ON UNGA ISSUES SOV AMB MALIK HAD SAID  
SOVS ENVISAGED ROB AS "A ONE-SHOT EFFORT TO CREATE A GOOD  
ATMOSPHERE." SOVIETS HAD ARGUED THAT NO VERIFICATION OF  
MILITARY BUDGETS WAS NECESSARY SINCE THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK  
OF BUDGETS OF PERMANENT SC MEMBERS IS WELL KNOWN.  
DI BERNARDO (ITALY) SAID ROB MERELY PROPAGANDA AND IT UP  
TO SC PERM MEMBERS TO TAKE POSITIONS ON IT.

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5. NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH QUESTION, MARTIN SAID THAT THREE NPT DEPOSITARY STATES HAD DISCUSSED REVIEW CONFERENCE INFORMALLY. WE HOPED THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE A CONSTRUCTIVE REVIEW OF HOW NPT WORKING. WE HAD IN MIND A RELATIVELY SMALL PREPARATORY BODY. WE ALSO HOPED TO DEVELOP A SIMPLE PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE ASSISTANCE OF THE UN SECRETARIAT IN SERVICING THE CONFERENCE. THE NETHERLANDS REP NOTED HE HAD HEARD SWEDES WERE PLANNING RESOLUTION ON REVIEW CONFERENCE. NISIBORI NOTED THAT HISTORICALLY IT WAS THE NON-NUCLEAR POWERS THAT HAD WANTED A REVIEW CONFERENCE AND CAUTIONED THAT POLITICAL PROBLEMS MAY DEVELOP IF NUCLEAR STATES WEE IN FOREFRONT OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION. MARTIN AND HAINWORTH  
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NOTED DEPOSITARY STATES RESPONSIBILITY FOR REVIEW CONFERENCE AND STATED IT WAS US/UK DESIRE TO ASSURE CONSTRUCTIVE CONFERENCE TOOK PLACE; FULL PARTICIPATION NON-NUCLEARS WOULD BE ASSURED. BARTON SUGGESTED EARLY DISCUSSION WITH UN SECRETARIAT OF POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL RESOLUTION IN VIEW IMPLICATIONS FOR UN BUDGET OF REVIEW CONFERENCE.

6. IOPZ. NETHERLANDS NOTED CONTINUED STRONG SRI LANKA INTEREST IN IOPZ. BARTON SUGGESTED THAT PROBABLE OBJECTIVE OF SRI LANKA IN TIS GA SESSION WAS RESOLUTION CONTINUING LIFE OF IOPZ AD HOC COMMITTEE.

7. NAPALM. MEERBURG RAISED QUESTION OF NAPALM, NOTING POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL STUDY GROUP ON QUESTION UNDER AEGIS 1974 DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE TO ARMED CONFLICT. HAINWORTH SAID UK HAD NO POSITION ON SUCH A GROUP BUT BELIEVED NAPALM QUESTION SHOULD NOT BECOME BURDEN ON DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. BARTON  
SAID DISCUSSION OF NAPALM SHOULD NOT TAKE PLACE IN DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE AND REPORTED THAT SOVIETS HAD TOLD CANADIANS THAT CCD WAS APPROPRIATE FORUM FOR DISCUSSION OF RESTRICTIONS ON NAPALM. DIBERNARDO SAID FIRM ITALIAN POSITION WAS THAT ICRC SHOULD DEAL WITH QUESTION OF RIGHTS OF COMBATANTS

AND NON-COMBATANTS, NOT ARMS CONTROL, AND THAT DISCUSSION  
OF NAPALM SHOULD THEREFORE TAKE PLACE IN CCD. MARTIN  
STATED US POSITION ON NAPALM, EXPLAINING THAT ANY DISCUSSION  
OF ARMS CONTROL MEASURES REGARDING NAPALM SHOULD  
TAKE PLACE WITHIN CCD, ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT SEE ANY PROMISE  
IN THIS AREA.  
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